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A CHRISTMAS RECITATION--By F. W. Farrar

In the field with their flocks abiding,
They lay on the dewy ground;
And glimmering under the starlight,
The sheep lay white around;
When the light of the Lord streamed
O'er them,
And lo! from the heaven above,
An angel leaned from the glory,
And sang his song of love.

He sang, that first sweet Christmas,
The song that shall never cease,
"Glory to God in the highest,
On earth good will and peace.
To you in the city of David
A Savior is born today!"
And sudden a host of the heavenly
ones
Flashed forth to join the lay.

O never hath sweeter message
Thrilled home to the souls of men,
And the heavens themselves had never
heard
A gladder choir till then.
For they sang that Christmas carol
That never on earth shall cease,
"Glory to God in the highest,
On earth good will and peace."

And the shepherds came to the man-
ger,
And gazed on the Holy Child
And calmly o'er that rude cradle
The virgin mother smiled;
And the sky in the still silence,
Seemed full of the angel lay:
"To you in the city of David
A Savior is born today!"



The sky can still remember
The earliest Christmas morn,
When, in the cold December,
The Savior Christ was born;
And still in darkness clouded,
And still in noonday light,
It feels its far depths crowded
With angels fair and bright.

O never-fading splendor!
O never-silent song!
Still keep the green earth tender,
Still keep the gray earth strong;
Still keep the brave earth dreaming
Of deeds that shall be done,
While children's lives come stream-
ing
Lie sunbeams from the sun.

No star unfolds its glory,
No trumpet's wind is blown,
But tells the Christmas story
In music of its own.
No eager strife of mortals
In busy field or town,
But sees the open portals
Through which the Christ came
down.

O angels, sweet and splendid!
Throng in our hearts and sing
The wonders which attended
The coming of the king,
Till we, too, boldly pressing
Where once the angels trod,
Climb Bethlehem's hill of blessing,
And find the Son of God.

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THE NEWS IN JERUSALEM.

That evening, before sunset, some women were washing clothes on the upper step of the flight that led down into the basin of the Pool of Siloam. They knelt each before a broad bowl of earthenware. A girl at the foot of the steps kept them supplied with water, and sang while she filled the jar.

While they plied their hands, rubbing and wringing the clothes in the bowls, two other women came to them, each with an empty jar upon her shoulder.

"Peace to you," one of the newcomers said.

The laborers paused, sat up, wrung the water from their hands, and returned the salutation.

"There is no end to work," was the reply.

"But there is a time to rest, and—"

"To hear what may be passing," interposed another.



"What news have you?"

"Then you have not heard?"

"They say the Christ is born," said the news-monger, plunging into her story.

It was curious to see the faces of the laborers the jars, which, in a moment, were turned into seats for their owners.

"The Christ!" the listeners cried.

"So they say."

"Who?"

"Everybody; it is common talk."

"Does anybody believe it?"

"This afternoon three men came across Brook Cedron on the road from Shechem," the speaker replied, circumstantially, intending to smother doubt. "Each of them rode a camel spotless white, and larger than any ever seen before in Jerusalem."

The eyes and mouths of the auditors opened wide.

"To prove how great and rich the men were," the narrator continued, "they sat under awnings of silk; the buckles of their saddles were of gold, as was the fringe of their bridles; the bells were of silver, and made real music. Nobody knew them; they looked as if they had come from the ends of the world. Only one of them spoke, and of everybody on the road, even the women and children, he asked this question, 'Where is he that is born King of the Jews?' No one gave them answer—no one understood what they meant; so they passed on, leaving behind them this saying, 'For we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.'

"Where are they now?"

"At the khan. Hundreds have been to look at them already, and hundreds more are going."

"Who are they?"

"Nobody knows. They are said to be Persians—wise men who talk with the stars—prophets, it may be, like Elijah and Jeremlah."

"What do they mean by King of the Jews?"

"The Christ, and that he is just born."

One of the women laughed, and resumed her work, saying, "Well, when I see him I will believe."

Another followed her example: "And I—well, when I see him raise the dead, I will believe."

Another said quietly, "He has been a long time promised. It will be enough for me to see him heal one leper."

And the party sat talking until the night came, and, with the help of the frosty air, drove them home.

—Lew Wallace in 'Ben Hur.'



LONG AFORE I KNEWED.

Jes' a little bit o' feller—I remember still—
Ust to almost cry for Christmas, like a youngster will.

Fourth o' July's nothin' to it!—New Year's ain't a smell;

Easter Sunday, circus day—jes' all dead in the shell.
I ust, though—at night, you know—to set around and hear

The old folks work the story off about the sledge and deer

And Santay shootin' round the roof, all wrapped in furr and fuzz—

Long afore

I knowed who

Santa Claus wuz.

Ust to wait and set up late a week or two ahead;
Couldn't hardly keep awake ner wouldn't go to bed;
Kittle stewin' on the fire and mother sittin' here
Darnin' socks and rockin' in the skreeky rockin' cheer;

Pap'd gap and wunder where it wuz the money went
And quar'l with his frost heels and split his liniment,
And me a-dreamin' sleighbells when the clock 'd whirl and buzz.

Long afore

I knowed who

Santa Claus wuz.

Size the fireplace up and figure how Old Santy could
Manage to come down the chimble like they said he would;

Wisht that I could hide and see him—wundered what he'd say

If he ketched a feller layin' fer him that a-way.

But I bet on him an 'lieved him, same as if he had
Turned to pat me on the back and say, "Look here, my lad,
I knowed who does."

Long afore

I knowed who

Santa Claus wuz.

Wisht that yarn wuz true about him, as it 'peared to be—

Truth made out o' lies, that un's good enough for me!
Wisht I still was so confidin'—I could jes' go wild
Over hangin' up my stockin's, like the little child
Climbin' in my lap tonight and beggin' me to tell
'Bout them reindeer and Old Santay that she loves so well.

I'm half sorry for this little girl sweetheart of his—
Long afore

She knows who

Santa Claus is.

—James Whitcomb Riley.

WHAT SHALL WE GIVE TO BABY?

What shall we give to the baby,
Our baby just one year old?
She wouldn't know about Christmas,
Not even if she were told.

You may hang up her little stockings
Where Santa will surely see,
Or put all sorts of playthings
Upon the Christmas tree.

She'd only look in wonder
From out her big blue eyes,
And reach her hands for the playthings
With innocent surprise.

So kisses sweet without number—
Kisses and love untold—
These we will give to the baby,
Our baby, just one year old.



A CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR A BOYS' CLUB.

The biggest boy in the club should be the Santa Claus. To dress him up, borrow a bath robe, and trim it round the collar and cuffs with some old fur. A big fur cap is the thing for Santa Claus' head, and a great big bag should be provided for him to hang over his shoulder to carry the presents in. A paper mask for Santa can be bought at some small store for about twenty cents, and a big beard can be made of excelsior, tied up so as to stay in place. If the excelsior can be dyed gray, all the better.

Each boy in the club should provide one present for Santa's bag. The presents should not cost over five cents each, while it would be better if each boy should make the present himself. Good things for such presents are bean bags, baseballs, bats, shiny sticks, tops, marbles, short wooden swords, slings, putty blowers, jew's-harps, soap-bubble pipes, jack-stones, match-safes, candy, chewing-gum, and so on.

All the presents for the Santa Claus party should be handed to a committee of three knights, whose duty it is to pack them all neatly in Santa Claus' bag. At the time of the party, the members of the club should gather together in the meeting room, and the committee may meet in a room nearby with the big boy who is to be Santa Claus. They must dress him up and escort him to the club. When Santa comes in all shall rise, and the president will say:

"Greeting, Santa Claus; the boys await you."

Santa may reply, "Greeting, my children."

Then Santa passes out the presents. It is best for the boys to form a line, and for Santa to reach in the bag without looking and pull out the first thing that comes to his hand.

The last present in the bag is Santa Claus'. A good deal of amusement can be had at the party if a committee of five boys is chosen to look after the entertainment. A good plan is to get up shadow pictures. A sheet is hung up near one end of the room, about five feet from the wall. Behind the sheet, close to the wall and low down, is placed a strong light. The knights and others who are to be ready all lights except the one behind the sheet are put out. The boys who are to make the shadow pictures then go between the light and the sheet and cut up all sorts of antics, throwing large shadows on the sheet. If there is a boy who can make odd shadow pictures with his hands he can amuse the club for some time.

Another thing that makes fun at a Santa Claus party may be called the "boy orator." A large pair of boots is provided, and the boy orator puts his arms in these and stands back of a table, so that his booted arms may look like a pair of short legs and he appears to be a funny little man standing on the table. Another boy stands behind him, and puts his arms through under the orator's arms and makes the gestures while the orator delivers his speech. This can be made very funny if the orator learns a good speech, and if the boy who makes the gestures waves his arms and makes very bad and inappropriate gestures. It is especially trying for the orator if the gesturer holds a handkerchief in his hands and wipes his face occasionally or waves it in triumph at inappropriate times.—The Delineator.

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A pastor said sadly: "One of the things hardest for me to understand is that the few support the churches while the many do nothing. This is the way mighty nigh everywhere. I can't understand it."
—W. B. C.

BOOKS

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A good book is the precious life-blood of a master-spirit, embalmed and treasured up on purpose to a life beyond a life.—Milton.



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Luther W. Hopkins, author and publisher, 833 Calvert building, Baltimore, Md. Price, \$1.10, including postage.

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CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS.

When Christ came to earth that Christmas night long ago, He brought rare and beautiful gifts to me.

He brought love to me, filling me with its balmy sweetness and perfuming my life with its fragrant essence. I could never have known the height or the depth of love had it not been revealed to me by the shining radiance of Bethlehem's Star. It is love that makes my life worth living. It is love that brings me my heaviest crosses and it is love that helps me to bear them. It is the bearing of these crosses that gives me smiles approving from the divine face of my Heavenly King. It is love for Him who came to earth and died for me that makes me love all of God's creatures; it is love for these creatures that uproots many an ugly weed that would otherwise grow in my heart and shadow my life. It is the radiance of Love's Star that gives me courage to suffer anguish and unspeakable pain for those who drink at my heart's fountain. It is my love for them that helmets me with a warrior's armor thick enough to protect me from all darts of human selfishness.

It is love that has planted every other flower in my garden of life and brought me joy and peace, even in the midst of a tumultuous sea of wrongs, of keen sorrows and bitter disappointments.

My Savior brought me happiness—happiness and serenity of soul. Never shall I mourn over my lot in life. He walked the meekest and lowliest path, and where His dear feet left footprints, my feet can leave footprints, too.

I shall never fear for the safety of my soul. He is my Pilot, and when I reach that surging river He will bear me gently over its deep waters. Are there thorns beneath my feet and hovering clouds over my head? They do not disturb the calmness of this soul of mine. Inside the chambers of my joy-flooded soul are ever ringing the bells of eternal gladness—are sounding the melodious chimes of peace beyond understanding.

Yes, my Savior brought priceless gifts to me. He gave me life and filled it with all things rich and ness and peace. He has filled my life with a radiant glory that shall burst in full splendor when, by His grace, I stand in Heaven's gilded portals.

Now, shall I, possessing all these treasures, lock them up in my heart this Christmas-tide? No. I shall go out across earth's hills and valleys and seek those who are lone and sad, and finding them, I shall pour out before them these priceless treasures of mine. Then, when their tired eyes open in wonder at such rich beauty, I shall put my own strong arm around them and lift them up, and together we shall stand under the starlit sky, with our faces toward the tranquil east, where once so long ago rose Bethlehem's Star. Then with a face radiant with joy I shall point out to them, triumphantly, the place where shone the star that heralded the coming of my Savior, who is likewise the Savior of all men. They who are lone and sad will look up in wonder; then I shall whisper, looking full into their dim and weary eyes, that that Savior brought those rare and beautiful—those priceless gifts to me.

LUCY STRICKLAND.

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The college, upon the strength of your pledge, increased its expenses to give our students the best in teaching.

Please send check or money order to Mr. William A. Davis, treasurer, Anniston, Ala., or write him or me when you will send the money. Yours fraternally,
A. P. MONTAGUE.

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TOO TIRED TO TRUST.

"I'm too tired to trust, and too tired to pray,"
Said one, as the overtaxed strength gave way.
"The one conscious thought by my mind possessed
Is, Oh, could I just drop it all, and rest.
Will God forgive me, do you suppose,
If I go right to sleep, as a baby goes?—
Without ever asking if I may:
Without ever trying to trust and pray?"
Will God forgive you? Why, think, dear heart,
When language to you was an unknown art,
Did your mother deny your needed rest,
Or refuse to pillow you on her breast?
Did she let you want, when you could not ask?
Did she set her child an unequal task,
Or, did she cradle you in her arms,
Ah, how quick was her mother love to see
The unconscious yearnings of infancy!
When you've grown too tired to trust and pray,
When overwrought nature has quite given way,
Then just drop it all, and give up to rest,
As you used to do on a mother's breast;
He knows all about it—the dear Lord knows,
So just go to sleep as a baby goes
Without even asking if you may.
God knows when His child is too tired to pray;
He judges not solely by uttered prayer,
He knows when you do pray, He knows when you
trust,
And He knows, too, the limits of poor, weak dust!
Oh, the wonderful sympathy of Christ
For His chosen ones in the midnight tryst,
When He bade them "Sleep on, and take your rest,"
While on Him the guilt of the whole world pressed!
You've given your life to Him to keep,
Then don't be afraid to go to sleep!

—Unidentified.

EMPTY STOCKINGS.

By Ellen Manly.

Oh, mothers in homes that are happy,
Where Christmas comes laden with cheer,
Where the children are dreaming already
Of the merriest day in the year.
As you gather your darlings around you
And tell them the "story of old,"
Remember the homes that are dreary!
Remember the hearts that are cold!
And thanking the love that has dowered you
With all that is dearest and best,
Give freely, that from your abundance
Some bare little life may be blessed!
Oh, go where the stockings hang out the
Where Christmas is naught but the
And give—for the love of the
'Twas to seek such as the

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READING COURSES.

In a preceding article courses of study have been suggested that should be made a part of the adult department of the Sunday school. These courses of study are to be taught those from whom we expect to draw our future leaders and teachers. The present teachers and officers will necessarily have to do their studying along these lines at some other hour. And, too, they cannot be expected to do as much work of a general nature as those who are preparing themselves for the future, but their efforts must more largely be expended along the particular lines in which they are at present serving. The following courses have been selected with these considerations in mind.

I.—Officers and Pastors.

1. "The Sunday School Teacher's School" (Musselman); 25 cents paper; 40 cents cloth.
2. "How to Conduct a Sunday School" (Lawrance); \$1.25.
3. "Teachers and Teaching" (Trumbull); \$1.25.
4. "Missions in the Sunday School" (Hixson); 50 cents.
5. "Individual Work for Individuals" (Trumbull); 35 cents.
6. "Doctrines of Our Faith" (Dargan); 50 cents.

II.—Primary, Junior and Intermediate Officers and Teachers.

1. "The Unfolding Life" (Lamoreaux); 75 cents.
2. "The Primary Department" (Archibald); 50 cents.
3. "After the Primary—What?" (McKinney); 75 cents.
4. "The Child for Christ" (McKinney); 50 cents.
5. "Missions in the Sunday School" (Hixson); 50 cents.
6. "Doctrines of Our Faith" (Dargan); 50 cents.

III.—Advanced and Bible Class Teachers.

1. "Training the Teacher"; cloth, 50 cents; paper, 35 cents.
2. "Teachers and Teaching" (Trumbull); \$1.25.
3. "How to Plan and Prepare a Lesson" (Musselman); 50 cents.
4. "Missions in the Sunday School" (Hixson); 50 cents.
5. "Individual Work for Individuals" (Trumbull); 35 cents.
6. "Doctrines of Our Faith" (Dargan); 50 cents.

Ways of Doing the Work of the Above Reading Courses and the Credit that Should Be Given by the Church of Which the Person is a Member.

The work can be done by individuals or in classes when it is possible for the teachers and officers to meet in a class. Where a weekly teachers' meeting is held, half of the time in the meeting might very profitably be used in reciting on these courses and the other half discussing the lesson that is to be taught on the next Sunday. But whether the work is done in classes or by individuals, the method of completing the courses should be about the same. Let each person desiring to begin one of the courses buy two of the books listed in the course for which he wishes to enroll. Of course, if a person can buy only one book to begin with, he can buy another as soon as he completes the first. Then let him take one book at a time and read it through. After doing this, write for a list of questions; there will be from fifteen to fifty questions on each book. With these questions before him, make a careful second reading; and after that write the answers, using the book or any other book that will help him. When a person has completed two of the books in this manner, and his answers have been gone over by the pastor of the church, or the superintendent of the Sunday School Department of the State Board of Missions, and at least two-thirds of them found to be correct, he should be given a Reading Course certificate by the church showing the books that have been read. When two other books have been worked up in like manner, he should receive another certificate; and when all of the books of the course for which he has enrolled have been completed, he should be given a Reading Course diploma by the church.

Another method which should be employed by some is to study the books carefully and stand an examination from memory. To be able to lay the books aside and to discuss intelligently the principal

facts contained therein will certainly mean much more to a person than to answer the questions from the book. To those who will complete the books in any one of the courses in this manner, and will in addition stand a simple examination on the Bible, should be given the regular teachers' diploma, or workers' diploma, if the books of the Officers' and Pastors' Course were studied. In completing one of the above courses in this manner, a person would receive a diploma for not quite so much work as is required in the adult department of the Sunday school, but the development and experience he is receiving, as an officer or teacher, will help to make up the difference. Then it makes it possible for the present teacher or officer to receive the highest recognition that is given by his church.

Any of the books required in these courses and full information concerning the courses can be had from J. T. McKee, East Lake, Ala. The blank certificates and diplomas can also be bought by the churches from the State Board of Missions at small cost.

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BRETHREN, PLEASE READ THIS.

Two brethren in Clark and one in Autauga write: "You are mixing things on the Calendar proposition. Your circular letters sent out from the office do not agree with the Calendar." The trouble is with the brethren. I announced at the convention in Andalusia that the next issue of the Calendar would be revised and I would replace all the Calendars there bought with the new issue. I have announced the change in the Alabama Baptist a time or two. It escaped the eye of these brethren.

The new December Calendar reads as follows:

- Sections 1 and 7—State Missions.
- Section 2—Aged Ministers.
- Sections 3 and 9—Home Missions.
- Section 4—Associational Missions.
- Sections 5 and 11—Foreign Missions.
- Section 6—Bible and Colportage.
- Section 10—Orphanage.
- Section 12—Ministerial Education.

I will ask all to compare this with the Calendar they have. If they do not agree, please discard the old at once and write me for the new.

Some brethren make the following mistake in using the Calendar: They keep their eye only on the Index, and take collections for the object named on the Index. They fail to read carefully the directions printed on the Calendar. There are two places to watch. As you turn the blue disk from left to right, watch No. 1, the Index, to get the month, and watch the district in which your county is found for the object for which collections are to be taken that month.

W. B. C.

SANTA CLAUS UP-TO-DATE.

Once more it was Christmas and old Santa Claus With his white whiskers dangling around his fat paws,

Gave his engine a start, and then, laden with zeal And with gifts, started off in his automobile. He fitted past corners and whizzed up the lanes, He ran over dogs and he smashed into trains; He came with a zipp and he passed like a flash; He scared people's teams and knocked buggies to smash;

He ran over chickens and knocked chimneys down, And spread consternation all over the town. The odor of gasoline floated behind Where he hurried as if on the wings of the wind; He crippled old people and stayed not to see How badly they fared or learn whom they might be. The children who watched for his coming he crushed Beneath his broad tires, as onward he rushed! He scattered his gifts while he sped through the night,

Content to permit them to fall where they might. The wrecks and the sorrow and suffering showed The course he took with his glittering load, And, having gone home with his glad duties done, He murmured: "I guess I've the records all won; When they see where I've passed I don't think that they'll wait

Very long to admit that I'm right up-to-date!"

ALABAMA BAPTISTS' GREATEST NEED JUST NOW—THE STIMULUS OF A GREAT EXAMPLE IN GIVING.

Nobody has ever done a great thing along that line in Alabama—no church ever has. One brother once gave \$5,000, another \$4,000, when we were carrying on a great debt-paying campaign. One brother gave \$1,000 at one time for missions. I do not recall a church that ever gave in cash at one time \$1,000 for any of our boards or colleges. Maybe I am mistaken; I am writing from memory.

We have many rich men and rich churches. If we could now and then have the example of some great giving! What a stimulus it would be! A letter just received from a neighboring state says: "We raised last Sunday \$1,000 for the Orphans' Home." I frequently see in the papers from other states collections reported for different boards amounting to \$1,000 and over. In Alabama we are introducing and insisting upon systematic giving. This, of course, discourages the high pressure methods, which yield the great figures reported in other states; but many of our wealthy churches have not adopted this system.

Where is the man or the church who will put the Baptists of the whole state on their mettle in giving?

Great Giving is Needed.

Not a department of our benevolent work, if it makes the progress the times and circumstances demand, but what needs a great increase in gifts. Where is the increase to come from? From those who have been giving; they should give more. The most liberal have never done anything like what they could and should have done. Then there are the great masses who have never done anything.

We are doing something toward the development of the unreached masses in our country and village churches; but the undeveloped rich people in our city and town churches—what is being done for them? They know nothing of the grace of giving.

A New Movement.

I see the Georgia Baptist Convention has appointed and teach and preach systematic giving. What a storm that will raise in some quarters! But storms are needful. There can be no life without them. We shall watch with interest the bold, advanced stand on the part of the Baptists of the Empire State.

W. B. C.

MENTAL AWAKENING.

The principal sign of the mental awakening of China is the educational movement. Hundreds of thousands of the literati of China, today can repeat every sentence of the Classics of Confucius. Not only so, but the children of the peasants even know and consider the Confucius maxims, one of which, it should be remembered, is the Golden Rule. How many English or Americans, old or young, can repeat the Bible, or one book of it? Although the works of Confucius are the most important part of the literature of China, they constitute a very small part. There were great poets in the olden time whose verses are read and quoted now with the same appreciation as when they were composed. The education of a Chinese gentleman, in fact, is not regarded as complete if he cannot clothe his ideas in similar graceful verse. Another significant indication of this mental awakening is the activity of the printing press and the introduction of the newspaper and magazine. Our own Baptist Publication Society printed 10,000,000 pages of literature last year. Prof. Hubbard, of Yale University, says: "I, for one, have no doubt that within a generation or two there will be world-entrancing contributions to poetry, drama and fiction, of which the Orientals are more fond than we are, and as in Asia arose the first religions and philosophies which have given scope to man's intellectual development, so we may expect that these branches of human learning will be greatly advanced by Asiatic thinkers and authors."

A corresponding secretary said sadly: "One of the things hardest for me to understand is that the few pastors support the mission cause while the many do nothing. This is the way mighty night everywhere. I can't understand it."—W. B. C.

A CHRISTMAS FAIRY STORY.

For the Sunbeams.

On that most holy first Christmas night, more than nineteen hundred years ago, when all nature was glorified and God's holy angels sang paeons of praise to God for the first and greatest Christmas gift, there were wonders and consternation in fairyland among the elaines and genies, the bronies and the pixies.

What means that bright and beautiful star in the east? On and on it moves, shedding its refulgent rays, until the whole earth is covered in a golden glory. And oh! listen to the angelic music swelling on the air. It is as the voices of angels, borne in a song to me.

"Glory, glory to God Almighty! Praise Him, praise him," sang the angels.

The little elves gathered closely together in their excitement, and a wise old fairy volunteered to explain the wonderful phenomenon that seemed to trouble them.

But ere he could do so, the fairy queen mounted her throne, waved her silver wand and said: "Hush! Let me, your queen, tell the story." Immediately there was silence and the queen began:

"Up in the world of sinful man, far down the ages, God saw the wickedness of his people, and almost repented that He had made man. So in His infinite wisdom and love He entered into a covenant with His only beloved Son to leave his home in glory, come to this earth in the form of man, born of a woman, to be a Savior for all mankind. That whose perish, but have everlasting life." The prophets of old and the psalmist foretold it, and sang of it, all through the centuries and now God's love is manifesting it on the earth.

"That bright and beautiful star, so radiant in all its glory, is God's holy guide to the infant Savior, Jesus Christ just born into the world.

"That celestial music is the song of God's holy angels, rejoicing for all the world in the advent of a Savior, to give knowledge of salvation unto His people. To give light unto them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death, to guide their feet into the way of peace." And behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he that is born King of the Jews? We have seen his star in the east and come to worship him. Tell us where did the prophet say Christ should be born?"

"In Bethlehem of Judea," answered the scribes, elders and chief priests. When they heard that they departed, and lo! the star which they saw in the east went before them till it came and stood over where the young child was.

"When they saw that beautiful guiding star they rejoiced with exceeding great joy, and when they saw that holy child with his young mother they fell down and worshiped him.

"Rich gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh were the treasures they presented besides the love and worship of their hearts.

"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.



Christ's Limit on Joy

"NEVER REJOICE EXCEPT THOU HAST LOOKED ON THY BROTHER IN LOVE."—A traditional word of Jesus quoted by St. Jerome.

"MERRY CHRISTMAS! Who has the right to be merry on Christmas Day?

Everybody, of course, says the world. Isn't Christmas everybody's holiday—the one day in the year when even the meanest of men likes to feel Christian-like—wants to do some little deed of kindness to somebody which will afford him the illusion that he's a person very unselfish and humane?

What if it is an illusion; what if he has been in fact all the year sordid, sullen, grasping, wolfish? Don't bother him; don't crowd him with his conscience just now, pleads the world; this is the day of good will to men; show him good will by granting him undisturbed, for the one day at least, the privilege of respecting himself.

But Jesus Christ—he whose nativity this day keeps in memory, and whose ideals ought to govern on this day if ever—never made complaisant apologies for a self-righteousness that would think with some single cheap kindness to buy one gladsome day out of a sordid year.

Jesus knew of no title to happiness whereof a man could rightfully possess himself at less cost than would take up the whole of life—height, depth and length. The lawful price of even one merry day was in his accounting a lifetime of love.

So the devoted Jerome read in an ancient book—said by some of the wise to be older than any of the biographies of Jesus in our Bibles—how the blessed Lord said:

"NEVER REJOICE EXCEPT THOU HAST LOOKED ON THY

Have you a right to a merry Christmas? Jesus won't let you put off the question till some serious hour of somber introspection. He presses it on you in your holiday times—in your gladdest times.

You have not the right to rejoice in your holiday pleasures unless you have learned to look on your brother in love.

The subscription to charity, the jolly word to the newsboy, the quarter to the beggar—given just before Christmas to get on better terms with yourself—don't count. Nothing counts but love. And love is a habit—not an outburst—still less a spasmodic penance.

Did you look in love on your employees when you determined the price of their labor?

Did you look in love on your employer when you pledged him your service?

Did you look in love upon your tenants when you claimed your rents—perchance in the time of misfortune and affliction to them?

Did you look in love on your customers when you sold them goods?

Have you looked in love on your children all year? Have they and your wife—your neighbors as well—felt that your affections were genuinely outside yourself and around them as the common days of work and worry went by?

Have you been looking in love all year long on the unfortunate, the unhappy, the unprivileged and the untrue? Have you had any love for the brother shameful and disgraced?

"Rejoice not except"—who of us can stand the test?

When the Christ truly seizes a man, he must begin to live for Christmas when the year comes in—not merely when it draws to a close.—Inferior.



"And lo! the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were sore afraid. And the angel of the Lord said unto them, 'Fear not, for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you, ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.'

"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God, and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, good will toward men.'

"On and on sang the angels in their joy:

"Glory to God in the highest, Glory to God, glory to God, Glory to God in the highest, Shall be our song today."

MALLIE W. HARDY.

Tyler, Ala.

THE EAVESDROPPER.

If little boys don't hurry off to bed On Christmas eve, an' try to go to sleep,

But stay awake an' hide around an' peep (Er so the grown-up folks have always said),

Then Santa Claus'll frown an' shake his head,

An' gather all their presents in a heap—

Especially the ones they'd wanta keep—

An' give 'em all to other boys in

But every year I've wanted so to see! An' maybe he'll not find me hiding here.

But if he did, an' left no toys for me, I'd be ez glad I peeked—er pretty near.

Unless he was so cross that maybe he

Would take away the things he left last year!

—Burgess Johnson, in Everybody's.

THE QUESTION OF THE HOUR.

The little tad at home we've got Generally wants to know a lot.

Wants to know why the sky is blue. And why the clouds ain't that way, too.

Wants to know why birds have wings And fishes don't and other things.

Yet but one tune just now he drums "How many days 'fore Christmas comes?"

He knows the signs—it's in the air; He reads the signals everywhere.

He know's what's up when mother bakes

So many fruit and ginger cakes. And so all day he sings his song

Until the sand man comes along. And he unto sleep's spell succumbs—

"How many days 'fore Christmas comes?"

—Courier-Journal.

I'm sorry for the turkey, yet the fault's his own, I fear.

For had he kept his counsel he'd have grown an older bird;

But having bade us "Gobble! gobble! gobble!" all the year,

He can't complain at Christmas if we take him at his word.



CHRISTMAS JOKES.

Let Her Pass.

The mistletoe above the door
Expectant swains were viewing.
A maid passed through, but she was
more
Than thirty. Nothin' doing!
—Philadelphia Press.

The Line Drawn.

Ethel—What do you intend to give
me for Christmas?
Bertie—Would a kiss answer?
Ethel (with sarcasm)—No, indeed!
Mamma never allows me to accept
valuable presents from gentlemen.

The Foresighted Shopper.

With Christmas near I'm not dis-
tressed
With thoughts of what to buy;
No gifts to seek, my soul's at rest—
I bought them last July.

A Friendship Christmas.

Eustacia—What shall we do this
Christmas?
Edmona—You give me back all
the things I've given you that you
didn't like, and I'll give you all the
things you gave me that I didn't like.
—Detroit Free Press.

Vanishing Pomp.

How worldly pride kin pass away,
It's takin' foh my tex'.
What is a Christmas tree one day
Is kindlin' wood de nex'.
—Washington Star.
"Papa does not allow me to receive
expensive presents from young men,"
replied the maiden—Town Topics.

His Pkaint.

The Christmas cynic's here again
To irritate the soul.
He says that he gets neckties when
He needs a ton of coal.

Their Christmas Presents.

Papa—I am afraid that I shall not
be able to get the children any Christ-
mas present this year.
Mamma—Oh, John!
Papa—Well, it isn't my fault. I
have tried my very best to open their
banks.—Brooklyn Life.

Christmas Bills.

The Christmas bills
Gave dad the chills;
He'll never climb
The heavenly hills
Nor wear the angels'
Wings an' frills
Because o' them
Same Christmas bills!
—Atlanta Constitution.

Vacancy.

There's Christmas smiling in the sky,
There's Christmas in the trees,
There's Christmas in the streets near
by,
There's Christmas in the breeze.

It's Christmas, Christmas everywhere,
No matter where you look,
Save when you gaze with mild de-
spair
Into your pocketbook.
—Washington Star.

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THE KITCHEN



Christmas Candies.

Fig-Almond Paste.—Pick over and
chop fine a pound of choice figs, cover
with boiling water and simmer un-
til very soft; then drain off the wa-
ter and boil it down to a cupful. Rub
the figs through a hair sieve and re-
turn the paste to the water with the
addition of three pounds of granu-
lated sugar. Simmer until the paste
is so thick it can not be stirred, be-
ing careful not to let it scorch; then
pour into pans lined with oiled paper,
and stud the top with split blanched
almonds. When nearly cold cut the
paste into inch squares with an oiled
knife, or into three-inch strips.

Ginger Bonbons.—Melt some of the
fondant in a bowl placed over boiling
water, and to a cupful of it add half
a cupful of candied ginger cut into
small pieces. Stir the ginger into the
fondant, then drop from the tip of
a teaspoon on paraffine paper.

Chocolate Delights.—Melt the fond-
ant as before. Dip into it with the
fork, candied cherries, bits of citron,
bits of ginger, blanched filberts and
almonds, repeating the dipping after
the first coat hardens until each is a
white ball. Melt a quarter of a pound
of unsweetened chocolate in a bowl
to an equal weight of triple-X sugar.
Dip the coated nuts, etc., in this, one
at a time, and set aside to harden.
—December Circle Magazine.

A Christmas Deceit in Pastry.

Christmas Wreaths are a dainty,
sweet conceit for this season of the
year. They are made of a simple
meringue mixture, which if one
chooses may be shaped in a variety
of ways. Sometimes I add a third
of a cupful of shredded cocoanut or
chopped nutmeats to give a variety.
Beat the whites of four eggs until
stiff, and add gradually, while beat-
ing constantly, two-thirds of a cupful
of fine granulated sugar, and continue
the beating until the mixture will
hold its shape. Cut and fold in one
third of a cupful of fine granulated
sugar, and flavor with half a tea-
spoonful of vanilla. Shape in
wreaths (using a pastry bag and
tube) on a wet board covered with
letter paper. Ornament with angelica
and red candies to represent holly
leaves and berries. Bake thirty min-
utes in a slow oven and remove from
the paper, using a sharp, long-bladed
knife. Unless one has a very correct
eye, it is well to have a guide for
shaping these rings. Mark circles
on the letter paper with a lead pencil,
using a doughnut cutter for a pat-
tern.—Fannie Merritt Farmer in the
Woman's Home Companion for De-
cember.

Christmas Cake.

Two weeks before Christmas, bake
the following: Beat one-half pound
butter to a cream; add one-half pound
of sugar, and cream again; then add
five eggs, without separating, until
thick; now add one-half teaspoonful

pulverized cloves, one teaspoonful
each of ginger and cinnamon; juice
and grated rind of two sour oranges;
then three-fourths pound flour, two
teaspoonfuls baking powder. Dust
with flour one pound of dried peaches
and pitted prunes, cut fine, and add
to the batter; pour into greased and
paper-lined tin and bake for three
hours in moderate oven. The day
before Christmas ice with the follow-
ing: Cook one cupful of sugar and
one-fourth cup of water until it spins
a thread when poured from the
spoon; pour this hot liquid slowly
onto the stiffly beaten white of one
egg; beat until cold and like fluff;
add one teaspoonful lemon juice and
one teaspoonful of vanilla extract;
spread roughly over. While wet, de-
corate with wish-bones and holly
leaves, cut from dark green citron,
and tiny scarlet candies.—The Pil-
grim for December.

Delicious Stuffing for the Christmas Turkey.

Grate into a large mixing bowl a
small loaf of entire wheat bread, sea-
soning rather highly with salt, pep-
per, celery salt and ground mace;
then add a pint of small celery
drained, and half a pint of small but-
ton mushrooms; meanwhile heat in a
saucepan a large cupful of the oyster
liquor; stirring in just as it is about
to boil a teaspoonful of butter, two
tablespoonfuls of cream and a tea-
spoonful of cornstarch—that has been
moistened in a little cold water; be
sure that it boils. When cold, grad-
ually blend with the other ingredi-
ents, beating well with a wooden
spoon. Stuff the turkey at least
twenty-four hours in advance.—The
Christmas Housekeeper.

Christmas Pie.

Line a fancy deep dish or crimped
basin with short biscuit crust rolled
one-fourth of an inch thick; fill with
clean excelsior, topping it round;
over this fit a dough cover cutting a
cross on top and lifting the corners
of the dough up. Have the cover
come to the edge; bake; remove ex-
celsior and fill with the following,
keeping the pie in a warm oven until
ready to serve; stew six pigeons un-
til tender then remove the meat as
whole as possible; drop twelve clams
and twelve large oysters in the liquor
to stew until edges curl; remove and
chop rather coarsely; brown one
sliced onion in butter. Boil the pigeon
liquor down to one pint and then
thicken with flour; add pepper, salt,
onions, and minced parsley. Place
pigeons, clams and oysters in the
crust. Pour the hot gravy over two
beaten eggs and stir steadily so as
to prevent coagulation. This will
bring the gravy to a thick sauce;
sprinkle in the parsley, and cover
with top crust; garnish with parsley
and lemon slices. When serving dish
out the contents, dividing the top
crust, then the outside crust.



Mrs. Leader's Liberality.

Struggling Pastor—Nearly all the
congregation has subscribed liberally
for the Christmas tree fund, and I
feel sure that I can also have your
hearty co-operation. How much will
you—

Mrs. Leader—Let me see. Oh, I am
the only member who has a carriage
and coachman, I think.

"Yes. The rest are poor."

"Well, I will drive around and col-
lect the subscriptions."

SEND THESE WITH YOUR GIFTS.

With a Box of Candy for a Lady.
"Sweets to the sweet." The wise
old saw

I quote because 'tis fitting.
And tribute pay unto the law
With gladness unremitting.
"Like unto like" is also true,
Wherefore these candies haste to
you.

With a Razor, Shaving-Pad or Other Shaving Materials.

Should you cut yourself in shaving,
Don't—blame—me!
Small effect has bitter raving
When the wound one may not see.
But should your razor smoothly glide,
Include me in your smile so wide.

For Any Sort of Holiday Remembrance.

Here's a thought of joyous cheer
For Christmas and for all the year!

To "Her" with a Pair of Gloves.

I can but wish that I were you,
Since you, unchid, may clasp her
hand;
Tell her—but no! she'll under-
stand!

With Music or a Musical Instrument.

Because the very thought of you
Makes music in my mind,
Pray let me share this music true,
The sweetest; (gayest) (brightest)
I could find;

And may each tone bear witness
clear
Of Christmas (birthday) (New Year)
joy for all the year.

—The Delineator for January.

FRANK'S LETTER.

Dear Santa Claus:
When you come to our house,
Please bring me a trumpet an'
drum,
A hobby-horse, jumpin'-jack, baseball
an' bat,
A sled, an' a top that will hum.

An', Santa, our fireplace is all stop-
ped up
(With a furnace we don't need
that).

But ring the doot bell, an' I'll let
you in,
An' show where the stockfn's is at!
—Selected.

All our cradle songs are sweeter
For the song the angels raised,
When the mountain caught the echo,
And the dreaming valleys praised.
Christ is born! Exultant nations,
Send the tidings wide and far,
Christ is born! The world is throbb-
ing.

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EDITORIAL



We have not sent out statements this fall, hoping our friends would pay up by Christmas. Send in your back dues and renewal by January 1st and save us the trouble of sending out bills.



STUDENT VOLUNTEER MOVEMENT.

The conventions of the Student Volunteer Movement are held once in a student generation.

- 1st, 1891, Cleveland, O., 680 delegates.
- 2d, 1894, Detroit, Mich., 1,325 delegates.
- 3d, 1898, Cleveland, O., 2,221 delegates.
- 4th, 1902, Toronto, Canada, 2,957 delegates.
- 5th, 1906, Nashville, Tenn., 4,235 delegates.

Four conventions of similar character have met in Great Britain; the first in Liverpool in 1896, the second in London in 1900, the third in Edinburgh in 1904, and the fourth in Liverpool in 1908.

The sixth international convention of the Student Volunteer Movement will be held in the convention hall, Rochester, N. Y., beginning at 3 p. m. Wednesday December 29, 1909, and closing on the evening of January 2, 1910. John R. Mott will preside.

The purpose is (1) To bring together at Rochester representative delegations of students and professors from all important institutions of higher learning in Canada and the United States, and leaders of the missionary enterprise, both at home and abroad, for helpful association and conference; (2) to consider unitedly the leading problems of the world's evangelization; (3) to gain inspiration and a vision of the missionary possibilities of the church; (4) to pray and earnestly resolve to enter with greater consecration upon the work of extensions.

Like preceding conventions of the Student Volunteer Movement, the one at Rochester will be noteworthy for the number, quality and representative character of its delegates. Already about 3,000 students and professors from more than 600 colleges, theological seminaries and other institutions of higher learning have registered their names as delegates. Returned foreign missionaries from all the great mission fields of the world will be a feature. The great foreign mission boards of the United States and Canada will be officially represented by their officers and there will be a large number of other men and women prominent in missionary activities of the church. It is proposed to hold as a part of the convention on the afternoon of Thursday, December 30, a special conference of editors. The object is to afford an opportunity for frank interchange of opinions and suggestions in regard to the missionary movement and the part the press should take in the promotion of the missionary enterprise.

How we wish we could be there. We believe the convention we attended at Nashville was the most uplifting one we ever reported. We pray God's blessing upon the meeting.

A GOOD TIME TO FORGET AND FORGIVE.

A good friend of the editor and a loyal supporter of the paper writes:

"You made some enemies in this section by your stand for the amendment, but you also made some friends, and did great good. You did right."

No one ought to hold malice against us for our position on the amendment. We followed our convictions, although warned that we would lose a number of subscribers. We did our best to win, and having lost, we hold no grudge against our friends who fought on the other side and do not see why they should cherish ill will against us. Let's all catch the Christmas spirit, which is one of brotherly love, for there is work to do in 1910 and all Christians are needed.

HELP SAVE THE CHILDREN.

The world is slow in realizing the value of a child's life and now at Christmas when our hearts are tender and children have the right of way we make a plea for the little ones whose labor is turned into gold to enrich our commercial age.

Again the national child labor committee issues a call to the churches of America to raise a united voice against the wasteful iniquity of child labor. The committee designates Saturday, January 15, or Sunday, January 16, as child labor day.

This national campaign seeks the freedom, health, education and virtue of all children.

Child labor touches our social and religious life at so many points that without serious interruption of any pre-arranged plan, pastors may find some appropriate door through which to reach their people on behalf of the thousands of little children who perish through ignorance or by the forces of misguided industrialism.

Last year nearly 2,000 pulpits voiced their protest against this system. This year the number should be 20,000.

The Federal Children's Bureau, the special topic for discussion a year ago, is still to be realized. The bill was favorably reported by committees in both houses, but did not come to a vote. It is introduced anew and the fight to secure its passage will be waged with redoubled energy this winter. Every congressman should be made to feel that his constituents—especially those to whose religion the sacredness of a little child is fundamental—are intensely interested.

Through the awakening of religious and moral influences the time will soon come when the evil of "child labor" will be a thing of the past. At present, however, while little children are being exhausted by the exactions of factory life; exposed to dangers of nomadic street trades; robbed of education in mill or mine, the duty obviously rests on those who love the child to raise opposition to such cruel sacrifice. In the words of Dr. Aked, "the measure of such labor is the measure of our shame and there is no Christian man or woman who ought not to feel the sting and shame and disgrace of it except as each one has delivered himself from reproach by earnest and continuous effort to get the big, black wrong put right."

Ella Wheeler Wilcox in a poem in Everybody's says:

Then next I heard the roar of mills; and moving through the noise, Like phantoms in an underworld, were little girls and boys. Their backs were bent, their brows were pale, their eyes were sad and old; But by the labor of their hands greed added gold to gold. Again the Presence and the Voice: "Behold the crimes I see, As ye have done it unto these, so have ye done to me." I saw in mill, and mine, and shop, the little slaves of greed; I heard the strife of race with race, all sprung from one God-seed. And then I bowed my head in shame, and in contrition cried—"Lo, after nineteen hundred years, Christ still is Crucified."

MISTAKEN, BROTHER EDITOR.

Bro. Barnett: You make me say in last week's paper: "The amount of the whole appropriation is very little short of \$25,000."

The following will make the correction and at the same time give you the left over matter in its connection:

The amount of the whole appropriation is very little short of \$20,000.

The whole amount given last year was \$23,000. It will be seen that the sum of our first appropriation for this year is dangerously near the limit. Yet there will be many more applications to come in. Here is a good place to have read:

A Part of the Board's Report

to the convention at Andalusia:
 "Complaint is often made that we are spending



If you forgot to send in your back dues and renewal for a Christmas present, this will remind you that you can make it a new year's present and start us on 1910 rejoicing.



all the state mission money in the towns, to the neglect of the country. This is no new charge, but is repeated over and over again, generally, without investigation. It never was true. The facts are these:

"At our annual meeting, which occurs the latter part of November, after the associational meetings are over, the bulk of the appropriations are made for the year. Those made after that time are belated applications and emergency calls. These, the local board take care of as best it can. The November meeting is advertised in every address before the associations he attends by the corresponding secretary, and six weeks before the time notice is given in the Alabama Baptist of the meeting and parties desiring aid asked to write for applications.

"The townspeople who wish help see the notice in the paper and are quick to respond; but very few applications are in hand from the country districts at the annual meeting. Applications from the country are never ignored and they are seldom rejected. The fear of increasing appropriations, beyond our ability to meet them, is ever present with the Board. The debt which we have reported for these several years is largely because of our desire to answer, in some favorable way, the belated calls for help. Almost all the requests for help in the country fields are among the belated. The Board is not averse, nor has it ever been, to do all in our power to meet the needs of the country. Proper planning is made. Proper saving is made. Proper means are exhausted. We wanted so to see the secretary, at the last annual meeting, suggested that at least one-half of the appropriations be devoted to country work, in the face of the well known fact that the country churches contribute only a small part of the money given for state missions.

"The suggestion of the secretary was not adopted, because it was deemed unwise to encourage the distinction so often made between the needs of country and town. Your Board is for the best interests of the whole state of Alabama.

"It is surprising how many brethren seem to feel that the state mission funds ought to be divided out among needy preachers; that the Board is doing this, lavishing its gifts on its favorites to the neglect of worthy men who are more needy. After all these years doing mission work in Alabama, it is humiliating to have to explain to men who have so far missed the mark. An hour's study and reflection ought to convince any man of intelligence of the error of such a view."

If all would read the Alabama Baptist how much better it would be all along the line!

Those who read it know what we are doing and attempting to do. Those who do not read it do not know.

The reports from the missionaries were, for the most part, encouraging.

The Situation is Serious.

So many of our large churches are pastorless! We have lost some of our most valuable men and still they go. When a vacancy occurs, months elapse before the place is filled. All this time the church does nothing for missions and other interests. When the new pastor comes it takes him a long while to catch on to the work, so that other months are lost and the mission cause suffers.

Oh, for settled pastors who can lay great plans for the future and have time to work them out!

Now, let me add: Unless things change wonderfully for the better the Board will be able to make no more appropriations another year. I am sorry, so sorry, but the pastors and churches are writing for us in large letters:

W. B. C.

"NO MORE APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1910."

THE ALABAMA BAPTIST

NO MONEY, BUT BIG MAILS.

What a pile of letters I have!

A good letter comes from Opelika, but no money. One from Tennessee—a pastor wants to come to Alabama. Of course there was no money in that.

Ditto one from the island of Jamaica. A good one from one of the evangelists telling of a good meeting, but no money because the weather was inclement and then the church thought because he was under the board, etc.

One from Spring Garden promising to do something later.

One from a brother who wants some Bibles and Testaments on credit.

One from a young preacher at Newton asking that five outfits be sent to him. That is encouraging.

One from our Birmingham missionary telling of great need of work—here and there money could be spent to advantage. It had no money, but spoke hopefully of some coming later on. The churches of the Birmingham district are not regular Baptists.

A brother writes a pitiful letter about how his church won't do and he is thinking about changing fields. I don't blame him much. I know them—they are regular preacher-killers.

One from a brother who regrets he can't do some work I asked him to do. No money, but his heart beats right for the work and his excuses are all good.

One from a new missionary, thanking the Board for an appropriation. He promises to do his best in the way of raising money. Many of the missionaries could easily raise all the money promised them. Some, I fear, think the board runs a bank or has unlimited credit.

A letter from a fine young preacher without a field. Too independent to beg for work, he has found employment until the Lord opens a field for him. Who will tell us how to be a match-maker? Pastorless churches and churchless pastors! Who can tell us how to bring them together?

More a letter from a north Alabama pastor one year while they move up to full time and get their pastor into a new home.

A pastor, now of a good church, thanks the Board for helping him last year on some hard fields and promises co-operation on his new field. How many pastors there are who are great missionaries while in the employ of the Board, but their zeal lessens after their work is changed.

It is not surprising this time of the year to get a dun. How fine it would be to send a check by return mail!

A brother has two Sundays he can give somewhere, if I knew of a church needing a pastor—no money in it.

A fine young preacher in the seminary finds he can not remain until the close of the season and wants to come back to Alabama the early part of the year. Wonder if he is wanted!

Another brother has one or two Sundays he could give to churches in reach of him.

One of the best preachers in Alabama is just about to leave the State for want of a field. Two others, as good as we have, write asking if I could commend them to states east and west. Of course I can, but it nearly broke my heart to do so. We need them so badly in Alabama.

One of the missionaries writes asking for money. Of course he sent none.

A brother wants me to help them get a pastor. He doesn't say how many members they have. How often they want preaching, whether they have a home for the pastor and, most important of all, what they can pay.

Here is the name of a man in far-away Kentucky who wants to come to Alabama. What shall I do about him?

I write his name on my available list and a little later will give it, with such information as I have, to some pastorless church, never to hear of it again. The church won't write the brother because he is so far away, nor will they write me. A few months later I will see one of the brethren who will say: "We haven't a pastor yet. You gave us the name of a man in Kentucky, but the name was lost. Wonder if we could get him now?"

Thank the Lord for one letter with a check for the mission money sent to an association months ago. The treasurer says it was overlooked. Some people think a secretary has but little to do and never a care. All these letters are to be answered. Of course, it takes time and postage and a world of patience. All this could be easily borne if more of the letters had money in them.

W. B. C.

IS THERE A SANTA CLAUS?

By Jacob A. Riis.

No Santa Claus? Yes, my little man, there is a Santa Claus, thank God! The world would indeed be poor without one. It is true that he does not always wear a white beard and drive a reindeer team—not always, you know—but what does it matter? He is Santa Claus with the big, loving, Christmas heart, for all that; Santa Claus with the kind thoughts for every one that make children and grown-up people beam with happiness all day long.

And shall I tell you a secret which I did not learn at the postoffice, but it is true all the same—of how you can always be sure your letters go to him straight, by the chimney route? It is thus: Send along with them a friendly thought for the boy you don't like; for Jack who punched you, or Jim who was mean to you. The meaner he was the harder do you resolve to make it up; not to bear him a grudge. That is the stamp for the letter to Santa. Nobody can stop it, not even a cross-draught in the chimney, when it has that on.

Because—don't you know, Santa Claus is the spirit of Christmas; and ever and ever so many years ago when the dear little Baby was born after whom we call Christmas, and was cradled in the manger out in the stable because there was not room in the inn, that Spirit came into the world to soften the hearts of men and make them love one another. Therefore, that is the mark of the Spirit to this day. Don't let anybody or anything rub it out. Then the rest doesn't matter. Let them tear Santa's white beard off at the Sunday school festival and grown in his bearskin coat. These are only his disguises. The steps of the real Santa Claus you can trace all through the world as you have done here with me, and when you stand in the last of his tracks you will find the Blessed Babe of Bethlehem smiling a welcome to you. For then you will be home.

FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE.

A Story for Boys and Girls.

Jack's father was a captain in the army, so Jack had always lived in an army post, where he saw soldiers all day long. He knew all the bugle calls, and he loved to go to parade, and when he became a man he wanted to be an officer just like his father. Even now everybody in the post called him "Captain Jack."

Christmas was near, when one clear, cold afternoon Jack started out, his skates slung over his shoulder. At the end of the row of houses where he lived he met his chum, Tommy Drummond, and off they went together to the pond.

It was almost dark when Tommy skated on some thin ice, and went down into the water. He clutched the edge of the ice to hold himself up and shouted, "Jack! Jack! Help! Help!"

Around the edge of the pond Jack ran. "Hold on, Tom; I'm coming," he called. Then he pushed a hocky stick toward Tom and, bracing himself against a tree, called, "Pull, Tom; I'll try to drag you out."

Jack pulled with all his strength, and at last Tommy managed to get up on the ice, and then on the bank. As Jack gave a final pull his foot caught on a root of the tree, and became so wedged in he couldn't move. He gave one great wrench and was free, but something was the matter with his foot.

"Take my coat, Tom, I'm warm; but I can't move. Think I've hurt my foot; we'll have to stick it out until some one comes."

"I can't do a thing, Jack, I'm so stiff; but you've saved my life and I'll give you my best knife when we get home," chattered Tommy, and then fainted.

Jack crawled over to Tommy and managed to cover him with the coat, then sat down and waited for the help which he knew would come.

At last came lights, shining through the bushes, and voices, and "Here they are!" shouted a strong, clear voice. Any Tommy's father and Jack's father and some other men came running toward the boys.

Jack cried. He owned it with shame, when the foot was almost well and he was sitting up in bed, on Christmas morning, telling mother all about it. "You see, I was so afraid Tommy would die," he said.

"My dear little son," said mother, "you were a brave soldier, and you saved a life."

"But—" A knock came at the door.

"Please ma'am, the colonel's orderly wants to see you—"

"Very well, I'll come right away."

Mother came back upstairs, looking happy and excited, and carrying a little package tied with gay ribbons.

"Something for you from the colonel! What do you suppose it is?"

With fingers trembling with excitement Jack untied the ribbon and found a blue velvet box, and inside that box, on a white cushion, lay a small silver watch. On top of the watch was a card, on which was written:

"To gallant Captain Jack, in recognition of his distinguished service. From Tom's Father."

And inside of the watch was engraved:

"For promptness in action and saving a life."

—Kate Freeman, in The Delineator.

FIVE THINGS THAT EVERY BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL SHOULD BEGIN IN JANUARY.

1. Select as many persons under the age of thirty as you have officers and teachers and begin a course of special training. Our churches are greatly in need of Bible Christians. The quickest way to get them is to magnify the teaching function of the church. Whether we have efficient teachers, enthusiastic leaders and a more enlightened, sympathetic and co-operative church membership in the near future depends upon the course of study offered now by our churches through their Sunday schools.

2. Get as many of your present teachers and officers as possible to begin one of the Reading Courses suggested by the Sunday School Department of the State Board of Missions. The superintendent of this department of our State Mission work will give his personal attention to every one that will enroll for one of these Reading Courses. Send for leaflets explaining the suggested Reading and Study Courses.

3. If you have not a Workers' Library, begin one by putting in not less than \$5 worth of books. Write me the number of teachers and officers in your school and I shall be glad to send a list of books which, if you will buy some of them, will prove a great blessing to your school.

4. Begin with January the Graded Lessons now prepared for beginners, primaries and juniors. The preparation of these lessons mark a wonderful step in the right direction. There is everything to gain and nothing to lose by changing from the uniform lessons we have been using for these little folks to the lessons which are graded to meet the needs of the child in the several stages of his development. If you are interested, write me for a leaflet, which explains fully the Graded Lessons.

5. If your school has not already made a pledge for the support of the Baptist State Sunday School work, which is under the direction of the State Board of Missions, do so at once. This is a part of our State Mission work which should certainly be supported by our Baptist Sunday schools. If you have already promised something to the work, as many have, half of it is due January 1. Please send to Rev. W. B. Crumpton, Montgomery, Ala., the amount due on your pledge. If you can, conveniently, he would greatly appreciate it if you would send the entire amount pledged.

J. T. M'KEE,

Superintendent of Baptist State Sunday School Work, East Lake, Ala.

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OBITUARY.

Whereas, God in His infinite wisdom, has seen fit to take from our midst our beloved brother, trustee, treasurer and deacon, Henry Evans, be it

Resolved by the membership of Wylam Baptist church assembled in conference. 1. That we deeply appreciate our loss in his death, and that each member of this church has lost a friend and brother who could not do enough for them or for the cause of Christ.

2. That our church has lost one of its best members, its best officers and its senior deacon, one who was in every way the leader in all that for the glory of God and for the upbuilding of His cause.

3. That the poor in our midst have lost a true friend who always went beyond his means to help Him and the cause which he so earnestly worked for up to and including his last hours.

4. That our Sunday school has lost in him one of its most faithful workers and spiritual upbuilders.

5. That our boys have lost in him a brother, a father, and one who constantly had them in his mind and was always praying that they might see the light which so brilliantly beamed him on to his eternal reward.

6. That our town has lost a citizen and a man whom all were glad to claim as their friend; yes, even as their prominent leader for the building of its usefulness.

Therefore be it resolved, That we for our church, for our school, for our homes, and that we herewith extend to the bereaved, our sister, Mrs. Evans, and her children, our deepest sorrow over her loss. That this be recorded in our church record and that copies be sent to the Alabama Baptist and to our sister and family.

E. O. HARRISON,
 GEO. FUTRELL,
 S. C. SLOAN,
 JOHN F. THOMAS,
 Deacons.
 A. H. SAWYER,
 Trustee.

MOBILE, ALA.

I have just closed a ten days' revival in my Prichard church, in which Rev. E. E. George did the preaching. We received 28 members. Six months ago we organized in a private home with 21 members. We now have 58 and are in our own house Our Sunday school, under the superintendency of Judge Maupin, has enrolled 104 and there are about 30 more in the home department. We have a population of 1,000 people and ours is the only church among them. We hope by another year to have a strong and self-supporting church.

The First church, Dr. W. J. E. Cox, pastor, has completed their magnificent stone building—the only stone structure in the city and the finest church of any denomination, perhaps, in the state.

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J. D. ANDERSON.

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A GOOD MEETING.

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Truly Bro. Ray is a great preacher and presents the truth with power of the Holy Spirit. He does not fall to warn the people of every sin and so doing our church was greatly revived. Bro. Ray had with him Bro. Parker, a cornetist, who could blow the gospel. The good that those men did in our town will never be known until the books will be opened up yonder. Both pastor and people were drawn closer together. There was seven additions, six for baptism, and more to follow. The church raised the pastor's salary and called him for full time.

V. C. KINCAID.

CARREKER.

On Sunday afternoon, Sept. 23, the death angel visited the home of Bro. Paul Carreker and took from him his loving wife, Mary. Many hearts were made sad upon her death, for all were fond of her. A loving wife, a tender mother and a faithful friend has been taken from us, and a place made vacant that can not be filled, but God who gave her to us and doeth all things well, has seen fit to call her back home, therefore let us be submissive to His will.

Whereas, God in His wisdom has taken from us one of our members,

Resolved by Cook Springs Baptist church, 1. That upon the death of Sister Mary Carreker the church has lost one of its most beloved members.

2. To the bereaved family we extend our heartfelt sympathy and commend them to God, asking him to temper the winds of affliction to the shorn lambs of his flock.

3. That a copy of these resolutions be given to the family of the deceased and a copy be sent to the Alabama Baptist for publication.

L. COOKE,
Committee.

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We received on December 18th a letter from Montevallo containing a \$1.00 bill without any letter. The sender will please forward name.

Please send the Alabama Baptist to me at Oneonta, as I have recently moved there from Altoona.—D. D. Head.

I am getting up a club of subscribers for your paper. In the meeting of the W. M. U. yesterday it was decided that the fund being raised to support a Bible woman in China would be known as the "Love-Bond Memorial," as a tribute to our loved sisters who have recently been called higher. Respectfully,

MRS. M. E. BELL.

We are sorry we cannot comply with the following request, but as is generally the case, the woman in the matter has more sense and better taste than her husband:

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A brother writes: "The Baptist gets better and better. You are giving us a good paper. Would it not be well to have a kind of 'Baptist directory' on the first or second page, giving names, postoffice address and title?"

Unless people paid more attention to it than they do to the address of the Alabama Baptist they would never use it. Frequently our readers drop in with the remark, Why don't you put the address of your office in the paper? For years it has been and is now on the front page, where it ought to be seen by every subscriber. Yet some of the papers have directories.

You are cordially invited to be present at a Christmas pound party and social given by the members and congregation of the Second Baptist church in honor of their pastor, Rev. J. Marion Anderson, Tuesday evening, December 21, 1909, at 7:30 o'clock, in the church edifice on Adams avenue, near Banbridge. Refreshments will be served during the evening and an enjoyable program provided. The church will be open all day, December 21st, for the reception of all gifts and donations.

Mr. Yarbrough has held the pastorate of the First Baptist church for nearly eleven years, having succeeded that distinguished Mississippi divine, Dr. H. F. Sproles, builder of the present edifice, when the latter resigned to accept a call to the church at Vicksburg. When he came to Jackson the First Baptist was the only congregation of that denomination in the city and had a total membership of only 350. During the 11-year period two new churches, the Second Baptist and Griffith Memorial church, have been built, and the total number of Baptist communicants has increased to 1,350, or at a rate of nearly 100 per year. The First Baptist church has a membership of 750.—Jackson Daily.



We need two copies each of the following issues of the Alabama Baptist for our files. If you have any of them please forward at once, as we wish to have them bound by Jan. 1st: Jan. 6, 13 and 20; March 31.

We take a holiday Christmas week. There will be no paper on December 29. It gives the printers a chance to enjoy the festivities.

The Alabama Baptist grows better every week, and I never lose an opportunity to speak a kind and favorable word for it, and many of my members are subscribers and readers. I shall continue to call attention to the Alabama Baptist in all meetings and in the pulpit. I want to see all the Baptists reading our good paper, and I am anxious to see it get into the home of the Methodists and Presbyterians and others that their children may be taught to read the Bible instead of creeds and disciplines.—John L. Ray, Albertville, Ala.

You are giving us a good paper, and I pray God's richest blessings on your efforts for the upbuilding of His kingdom.—Mrs. A. E. Carter.

I love to read your good paper so much until I don't want to miss getting a single issue. May God's great power assist you in your great work and help carry our useful and necessary paper to every Baptist home in Alabama.—M. W. Lanier.

I have been a subscriber to the paper nearly ever since it was first published. It brings us the religious news every week from our dear old state. The long and continued illness of my family, and part of the time myself, sometimes makes me fear that I will have to give it up.—S. R. McDaniel.

I enjoy reading it very much. It is a good paper. I think every Baptist home in Alabama ought to have the Alabama Baptist.—A. P. Woolbright.

May God bless you and the good old paper.—Mrs. Sallie Ray, Albertville, Ala.

I think the paper has had a steady improvement under your management. Your subscribers who read it carefully are wonderfully helped and reap a great benefit from the cost to them which without the paper they would be deprived of. I am sending you one dollar to renew my subscription. I shall never be without the paper, and it is my purpose to never be in arrears.—W. O. Smith.

I was 76 years old yesterday, but I love my Alabama Baptist and want to take it as long as I live. Inclosed find money order for one year's subscription.—Mrs. M. E. Welch.

Wishing you a merry Christmas, am as ever a friend to the dear old paper.—Mrs. E. J. Nucholls.

Find enclosed 50 cents for the Alabama Baptist. I have tried to get along without the dear old Baptist long enough.—L. A. Connell.

About three months ago I sent a dollar for the Alabama Baptist to January 1, 1910. Since then only two copies have been received. Have been reading borrowed copies, however. Thought you would appreciate being reminded of the mistake.—Wm. W. Stout.

(This is the fraternal way to do it. Of course we appreciate his letting us know about the error.)

It is always a welcome visitor to our home, and we have taken it regularly since its organization in our little home town, Marion, Ala.—Mrs. Carrie F. Hogue, Marion, Ala.

For the last sixty days I have worked and prayed for the amendment, and although defeated I am not giving up, and I intend to work on just as though we had been successful, but to do good work I must keep posted, and I know no way better than to keep reading the Alabama Baptist, so inclosed you will find one dollar to move up subscription one year.—John W. Joyner.

I certainly enjoy keeping up with what the Christian people are doing. I find so much helpful reading from the pens of smart, consecrated men and women. I expect to take it as long as I can see to read.—Mrs. S. J. McCarra, Ozark, Ala.

We all agree with you that it is right to "let brotherly love continue." The fight is over. Isaiah 26:18; Zechariah 4:6. David S. Hurst.

PAY YOUR DEBTS

There are many things in which the people of the Western world might well imitate the citizen of the Celestial empire, but perhaps he gives us our most valuable lesson in the manner in which he celebrates the New Year.

Before he dresses himself in his good clothes and starts out on his round of New Year's calls—as he will some several weeks hence—he devotes his attention to paying his debts. It is the one great obligation of the New Year—the one supreme touchstone by which his worth is determined.

He pays every cent he owes and then proceeds to enjoy the holiday.

There are special reasons this year why this should be the touchstone of our own people. We have just passed through a trying experience in our financial history, of which the entire effects have not yet left us. There is perhaps no one thing, which would afford a greater amount of relief to a large part of our merchants and business men than for every creditor on their books to come forward promptly and pay what they owe.

When once this policy is adopted and the practical operation of it set in motion it becomes really remarkable how much a dollar can accomplish. It is not merely a question of paying off a dollar's worth of debts, or ten or a hundred dollars worth of obligations. But every debt paid enables some one else to pass along this money through the channels of trade, canceling obligations as it goes, until every dollar in the course of a day has perhaps done the work of ten or a dozen dollars. On the other hand, where everyone holds back until some one else has taken the initiative, the movement is stifled before it begins and the congestion and embarrassment is felt throughout the entire community.

It is a simple piece of advice, but it is highly important at this time. It would do more perhaps than any one thing to relieve the situation.

Remembering that this is not only the end of the month, but the end of the year, the thing to do is to pay your debts and not only gladden the hearts of those to whom you owe obligations, but enable them to do likewise all along the line.—Atlanta Journal.

Enclosed please find check for \$5.00 to pay for my subscription to the Alabama Baptist from January 1, 1908, to January 1, 1913. I congratulate you upon the great and noble fight you made in your columns for the amendment. I was interested no little in the outcome of the conflict. I did wish so much to be in the fight. I feel very keenly the effect of the defeat. If the people of Alabama will but elect men to the legislature who are favorable to prohibition they are safe with the present prohibition laws. I trust to see prohibition of the liquor traffic written in the constitution of dear old Alabama at some future day. The Lord bless you in the great work you are accomplishing through your great paper. Where the pastor speaks to his hundreds, you speak to your tens of thousands.—John E. Barnard.

Your fight for the amendment was great and you need not feel that it was time or effort thrown away. I believe the 50,000 votes for the amendment will prevent the saloon men from getting a foothold in Alabama. They see how we can and will fight and perhaps the whole thing is providential. Perhaps it took just such a fight to make the people wake up to the danger just ahead and without the fight; perhaps we would have slept in fancied security to awake too late to find that we had lost the legislature and governor. I have no regrets at the fight we made.—T. C. E. Reynolds.

THE BRIDGEPORT ACADEMY.

I am a stranger in Alabama, but wish to get acquainted. I came to Bridgeport in August and took charge of Bridgeport Academy, one of the Home Mission Board's mountain schools. We have a faculty of cultured teachers, all consecrated to the Master's service. All brought their church letters with them and joined our church here except our music teacher, who joined recently by experience and baptism.

The school is doing nicely and we expect a much increased attendance during the spring term.

Our new girls' home will be ready for occupancy January 1. It is a beautiful building of bungalow type and will have bath, with hot and cold water, and will be steam heated. Improvements will next be made on the boys' home, making it up to date.

We have a body of earnest students doing good work. This is the most easily disciplined school I have had in an experience of twenty years.

The two literary societies are doing well along that line of work.

Mrs. Garrett is teaching a class in mission study. They are now finishing "The Why and How of Foreign Missions" and will study "The Uplift of China" and "Missions Striking Home" during the spring term. We have converted the principal's office into a mission room, where the teacher and class are putting maps, charts and pictures pertaining to state, home and foreign mission work. A mission library has been begun and several books on the work have been donated and some purchased. A plentiful supply of mission journals are coming regularly.

If any brother or sister has a book or books on missions or missionary biography which can be spared, we will greatly appreciate their giving them to this library. It is being used and consulted freely. The Sunbeam Band, B. Y. P. U. and W. M. U. come to it almost every day for information.

Bridgeport Baptist church, under the leadership of our noble young pastor, Rev. W. W. Stout, has made rapid advances since September of last year. The membership then was only 30; now it is about 120. Bro. Stout has baptized on almost every Sunday since early in the summer.

On November 28 Brethren McCarrell, Hood, Dutton and Brooks were ordained to the deaconship. These are four noble brethren and they are taking up their work with earnestness and zeal.

Bro. W. W. Lee held a revival for us in October, during which there were more than fifty converted, 26 of whom were students of our school. Only about five who were old enough to be Christians were left unsaved.

My letter is already too long. I will close by asking God's blessing on the paper and its editor.

GLENMORE GARRETT,

Dec. 13, 1909.

Healing Springs Industrial Academy has a good enrollment to date; and, all things considered, the outlook for the school is very bright. We hope to report greater things in the near future. We enjoy the dear Alabama Baptist very much.—Walter B. Speer.

Whereas, Our brother, D. Z. Wooley, has tendered to the church his resignation as our pastor at the chapel on the Southside, where he has rendered faithful service for the past two years and more, in order that he may accept the call of the church at Gordo, Ala.; and,

Whereas, During the time of his labor among us, Brother Wooley has shown himself to be a workman approved of God, and has won the love and respect of our church and the people generally of this community where he is universally honored as one of God's true ministers; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Tuscaloosa Baptist church, 1. That in the removal of Brother Wooley our church and community sustain the loss of a true Christian minister and an effective gospel preacher.

2. That we commend our brother and his consecrated wife to the affectionate love of the saints at Gordo, and wherever they may labor in our Lord's vineyard.

3. That a copy of these resolutions be furnished to Brother Wooley and to our city and county papers and the Alabama Baptist with the request that they be published.

I, Robison Brown, as clerk of the Tuscaloosa Baptist church, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the resolutions adopted by said church on the 12th day of December, 1909.

ROBISON BROWN, Clerk.

The message of affectionate greeting which, at the suggestion of the editor of the Herald, was sent by the our beloved and honored brethren, was intended for those only who, by reason of age or infirm health, were permanently retired from the active ministry. The list of names selected by the mover of the resolution did not include, for obvious reasons, our beloved friend and brother, Dr. J. C. Hiden, but some one, thinking of him as away from the General Association, afterwards added his name. No man among us is more beloved and no one would the General Association be readier to send salutation and greeting. However, we are glad to say that Dr. Hiden is in vigorous health, and we doubt if he ever preached with more ability and acceptance to the people than he is preaching now. Recently he has filled for long terms a number of our most prominent and influential pulpits. At this time he is supplying for the Parker Memorial church, in Anniston, Ala. His engagement there lasts a few Sundays longer, after which he will be open to work of this kind, and any church will be fortunate to secure him.—Religious Herald Dec. 9, 1909.

(Dr. Hiden will be free to serve as supply after Dec. 19.)

Will you please change my paper from Tallapoosa Ga., to Cedartown, Ga.? I have recently taken charge of the First church here, and I need the Baptist to keep up with my old friends in Alabama. God bless you in your good work.—C. C. Heard.

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The State of Alabama, Jefferson County, Probate Court, November 30th, 1909. Estate of Nancy A. Lee, Deceased. This day came J. M. Huey, as administrator of the estate of said decedent, and filed his application, in due form and under oath, praying for an order for the sale of certain lands described therein, and belonging to said estate, for the purpose of paying debts of said estate. And it appearing to the court from said petition that Mrs. G. M. Gibson, one of the heirs of said deceased, is a non-resident of the state of Alabama and resides in Cartersville, Georgia; it is ordered that the 6th day of January, 1910, be appointed a day for hearing said application, at which time the said Mrs. G. M. Gibson and all other parties in interest can appear and contest the same, if they think proper.

S. E. GREENE,
Judge of Probate.

IN MEMORIAM.

J. D. Madison died at his home, Silver Run, on December 4, at the age of 43.

At the age of thirty-three he was married to Miss Anna Ganaway, who was a faithful and obedient wife. Often has the writer had the pleasure of visiting the home of these Godly people. In the home he was a kind and affectionate husband. In the community in which he lived he exercised a great influence for good, commanding the respect of every one. At an early age he joined the Baptist church and was a true disciple of Christ. He was a son of B. W. Madison who was one of the first settlers of the community in which he lived.

While we can not understand why this noble man must be taken from his companions so early in life, still God knoweth best and we should submit to his will.

The deceased is survived by one brother, W. C. Madison, and five sisters—Mrs. B. W. Linder, of Talladega; Mrs. W. A. Yeatman, of Oxford; Mrs. T. A. Ganaway, Mrs. H. P. Brownlee, of Dallas, Tex., and Mrs. Trumpler, of Little Rock, Ark.

J. H. WRIGHT.

The Georgia Baptists raised during their convention year just closed: For state missions, \$50,337.67; home missions, \$35,165.10; foreign missions, \$61,308.01; orphans' home, \$23,721.13; schools and colleges, \$11,637.94; ministerial relief, \$3,120.50, making a grand total of \$185,290.35. We congratulate our Georgia brethren on this fine showing.

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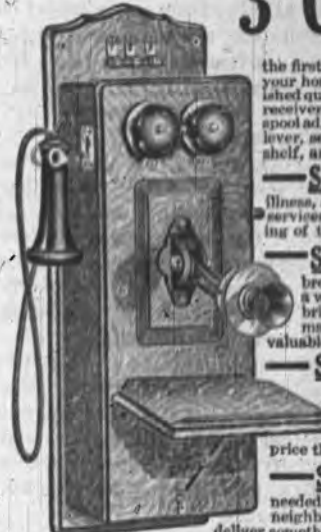
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BRO. CROSSLAND'S NEWSY LETTER.

I have just today returned to the office after a month's absence in Georgia and Florida. When I left the train this morning I found myself in a flurry of snow and you can well imagine that I wished myself back among the orange groves of the Flower State.

En route to Florida I attended the Georgia convention at Dublin. The Georgia Baptists are a mighty host, and it was a peculiar pleasure for me to attend their meeting for the first time. I was amazed to count in the audience so many familiar faces of our own Alabama preachers and workers. Some of them were my old college mates. There were Barkley, Hash, McCormick, Raffley, Upshaw, Granberry, Crumpton, H. T., Talliaferro and others. The princely Talliaferro came very nearly being the host of the convention, as he has accepted the pastorate of the Dublin church. In him Alabama has lost one of her finest young men.

The Georgia Sunday school report was most gratifying indeed. Bro. George W. Andrews has been their Sunday school secretary for the past five years and has wrought well. I wish I could give the figures of their rapid progress under his leadership. I also had the pleasure of paying a short visit to Bessemer Tift college in passing. On an additional offer from Captain Tift, Georgia will soon begin a campaign for an endowment of \$300,000 for this college. By the way, the authorities of this school are introducing into the studies of their

senior class our convention normal course of Sunday school training. Many of our schools, both collegiate and secondary, are doing this.

In Florida.

Immediately after the convention I went into Florida for a three weeks' tour of that state. Our "traveling faculty" consisted of Mrs. R. R. Brown, a most efficient primary worker of the First Baptist church, Tampa; Rev. Louis Entzinger, Florida's state Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. secretary; Mr. Arthur Flake, of Mississippi, and myself as field secretaries of the Sunday School Board. We toured the state from one end to the other, holding eight institutes and visiting several other points in between. Our institutes were held at Miami, Orlando, Brooksville, Palmetto, Lakeland, Ocala, Gainesville, St. Augustine.

The work of the denomination in Florida is coming upon a new day, I verily believe. Bro. Rogers, who succeeded the lamented Geiger as secretary of the State Mission Board, is organizing and planning the work with great wisdom. They are preparing for a great convention in January at Gainesville—perhaps the prettiest inland town of the state.

Our trip was quite a strenuous one, but we had time to enjoy the delights of the season, such as freshly picked lettuce, celery, pineapples, oranges, grape, fruit, etc. It was quite a novelty to sit down to a feast of delicious cake and luscious strawberries right off the vine in December. Strawberries were selling for \$1 a quart and you can well imagine, without being told, that these two quarts were given to our party.

I had the pleasure of once more

visiting the spot that was once my home and the place of my conversion and baptism.

It would be easy to continue this letter ad infinitum, because I believe I could "spiel" for Florida almost as much as one of the numerous tribe of Florida real estate agents.

Fraternally yours,

C. E. CROSSLAND.

Nashville Tenn., Dec. 14, 1909.

P. S.—I have just been looking over our teacher training records for the close of the calendar year.

I am happy to note that Alabama is ahead of any other states—the Alabama drawer in the filing-case is full.

Mississippi, however, is a close second, and it may take an "official count" to decide the matter.

At some early date I hope to be able to give you and the readers of the Alabama Baptist a statement of just how the work stands in the state. Each teacher training class will be given. Any students of our normal course who have not enrolled are urged to do so at once.

IN MEMORIAM.

On October 17th, as the sun was nearing its meridian, the spirit of Brother William U. Parrott was called to the great beyond.

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In his death our pastor lost a strong moral support, one whose prayers arose like sweet incense beseeching a throne of grace in his behalf.

The deacons lose a worthy collaborer and the church a member loyal in the following of our Lord.

The world is richer and better for his having lived in it, while to his friends and loved ones heaven will be sweeter because he is there.

J. A. PETERS,

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The Maryland Baptist convention will begin the publication of a state paper January 1. Rev. John Roach Straton, who is to be the editor, will put into it many of his choicest literary gems. He is unusually well qualified to sit in the "easy chair."

Dr. Andrew Murray spent the last Sunday in July at Graaf Reint, near Cape Colony, where he was born eighty-one years ago. He preached in the morning in the fine Dutch church, using as his text, "What shall I render unto the Lord?"

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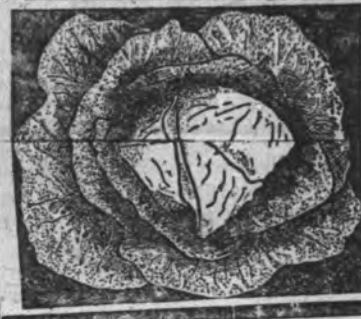
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